

## MELLEN ENJOYS DAYS IN COURT

Smiles as He Leads Way  
Through Mazes of New  
Haven Deals.

## EVEN HAS KIND WORD FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Benign to Prosecutors, Chipper  
with Reporters and Alert  
at All Times.

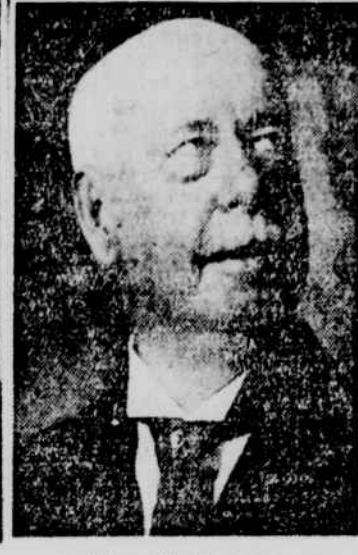
Charles S. Mellen, a little bit husky of voice after a full day on the witness stand, but otherwise as fresh as the proverbial daisy, paused in the corridor of the Federal Building to permit a photographer to snap him. The camera man posed him this way and that, and, after the manner of his kind, ordered him about as he might a longshoreman.

Those who knew the star witness in the government's case against the trustees past and present of the New Haven in the old days, when he was ear of that mighty system, could hardly believe it was the same Mellen. In those days photographs were anathema to him, while reporters sent to the offices in the Grand Central Terminal went there confident that all they would have for their trips would be a possible chance to devil the head of the system. Frankly, he did not like them, and as frankly they had no affection for him.

Now the reporters are his particular friends, the photographers almost his pals; but that is not the only thing that amazes those who knew or thought they knew Mellen. These expected as a witness he would be bitter against his former associates, against whom he is testifying. On the contrary, he is most friendly with them—more friendly than the government would like to have him—and as likely as not to have luncheon at a conference with one of them as with Butte, the Texas lawyer, whose ignorance of court procedure in this jurisdiction has been a joy to those not sympathetic with his selection for the job.

Mellen's attitude criticized. Butte, in fact, thinks Mellen is too friendly to those against whom he is testifying. So, too, does Frank M. Seacher, also from the South, who is of counsel for the government. They have told the court as much and asked

CHARLES S. MELLEN IN THREE POSES.



Former president of the system, who is testifying in the government's suit, on which conspiracy is alleged against present and past directors and officials of the railroad.

that he be treated as a hostile witness, but at the same time they pay him the compliment of saying that he is honest, and the court cannot see its way to penalizing or in any way reprimanding the witness who hour after hour drones answer after answer to questions on the history of railroading in New England while the jurors pinch themselves to stay awake.

There is the best authority in the world for saying that Mellen when he was forced out of the New Haven was angry at his oldtime associates. The day he quit office it was with difficulty that he was persuaded from cutting loose then and there. He was convinced then that his colleagues were not dealing fairly with him, and he said so. Later, when he partially cooled off, he went to Washington, and made his terms with the Department of Justice, by which in turn for becoming a state witness he was granted immunity.

When Mellen did that he was convinced that it was the only thing for him to do if he were to avoid having all the sins of the New Haven visited upon him.

"I don't mind being the goat," he declared about this time, "but I will be hanged if I let them make a burned sacrifice of me."

Believes Deals Justified. Knowing this, many wonder why it is that Mellen and his oldtime associates are so friendly. The explanation lies in the fact that Mellen fully believes that all that was done by the New Haven was justified by the then standards of business acuity, that everything that was done was for the betterment of the New England transportation service, and that those who say otherwise are either uninformed or intentionally unjust. Of all the deals made there is but one he does not approve of. That is the acquisition of the West-

chester, which he still thinks is a white elephant. So that to this extent, at least, he and the defendants have much in common, and at bottom there is small tendency to criticize him for saving himself when he had the chance.

And as Mellen is really a likable sort of man, despite a weakness for saying cutting things that in the old days was almost an obsession, it is easily seen where former associates continue to be his friends even though his testimony may brand them as law breakers.

That same ability to say cutting things is still Mellen's, as those who have been following the testimony have seen in occasional flashes of oldtime form. The government lawyers would feel much more comfortable if they did not know he might at any moment turn loose some of his vitriol upon them, so that as an ally he is not exactly the most desirable in the world. It is unpleasant to have your own witness say things that make you look foolish before a jury, but, worse than that, as he is your witness you are bound by whatever he may say. You cannot imperish him, and his words are yours once they get before the jury and into the record.

Witness Acts as Father. So far Mellen has not made any very cutting remarks. On the contrary, he has been almost fatherly in the manner in which he has lectured on the growth of the New Haven and in the manner in which he has treated the Texas lawyer, who in appearance is almost as old as himself. Kindly, smiling, at times almost patronizing, he carries along the government case, which the government itself could hardly carry on so well.

Therefore, he ambles along, raising his voice from time to time as lawyers for the defence plead for more power, only to drop it again into the easy tone of a man telling his little grandchild his geography lesson. He is having a good time all of the time, and the defendants somehow are not annoyed at him. At least not now. Later, when he begins testifying to some acts of Edward D. Robbins, one of their number, they may not be so complacent.

The truth is, they do not mind Mellen on the stand quite so much as they do Robbins in their midst. If they could comfortably do so, there is no doubt that some at least of those on the stand would turn upon Robbins with keen enjoyment. Robbins is not and has not for a long time been popular with them. Against him the government admittedly has more evidence than against any three of the others. And they feel that if by any chance they are convicted it will be because evidence admissible only against Robbins will be considered against them.

True, the court will instruct the jury not to consider this evidence against his associates, but, as James Corrigan, dean of all Federal reporters, has observed, "the jury hears it, don't it?"

## MRS. HARRISON A STUDENT

Ex-President's Widow Taking Drama Course at Columbia.

The widow of a President of the United States is a student at Columbia University. Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, whose home is in Indianapolis, is spending the winter in New York with her daughter, Elizabeth, and is taking advantage of the opportunity to receive weekly instruction in the drama from Clayton Hamilton.

Every Saturday morning at 10 o'clock Mrs. Harrison goes to Room 612, School of Journalism, Building where she sits with twenty other students, and makes copious notes while Mr. Hamilton dissects matters theatrical. In the classroom yesterday Mrs. Harrison was quite willing to explain her registration as a Columbia student.

"I have always been interested in literary matters in general, and the drama in particular," she said. "That is the main reason for my presence here. Then, too, I am a friend of Mr. Hamilton, and admire him greatly."

Please emphasize the fact that I am in New York solely on my daughter's account. She wished to take a course in short story writing at the university. She is also taking a business course at another college. We have leased an apartment for the winter, and then we shall return to Indianapolis."

One of the requirements of the Clayton Hamilton dramatic course is that the student shall write a one-act play. Mrs. Harrison will probably blossom forth as a playwright in the near future.

Mrs. Harrison, before her marriage to the ex-President, was Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmick, a niece of General Harrison's first wife. She was married to Mr. Harrison in this city several years after his retirement from office. Their daughter, who is Mrs. Harrison's only child, was born February 21, 1897.

## HEARS CHARLTON ALIENISTS

Italian Court Cuts Short Arguments on Wife Slayer's Insanity.

Como, Italy, Oct. 23.—To-day's session of the trial of Porter Charlton, the American, who is charged with having murdered his wife, was given over largely to the reports of alienists. The expert for the prosecution read a lengthy report, which reached the conclusion that Charlton was entirely responsible mentally. The expert for the defence argued that the prisoner was irresponsible. Both desired to amplify their written opinions by oral discourse, but the judge cut them short. He read a deposition made by Charlton in New York shortly after his arrest there. This deposition was regarded as of importance because, although it contained the admission that Charlton killed his wife, it did not mention the epileptic coma into which, according to a later deposition, he passed after com-

## 5 IN ROOM HEAR TALK ACROSS SEA

5,000-Mile Wireless 'Phone  
Message Sounds Distinctly  
3 Feet from Receiver.

## PARIS AND HONOLULU LISTEN TO ARLINGTON

Second Series of Experiments  
More Successful. French  
Military Officer Reports.

Standing three feet from the receiver, Lloyd Espenschied, engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Honolulu, heard every word of a long conversation transmitted by wireless telephone from Arlington, Va. It was announced at the company's offices, at 15 New Street, last night. The same message was picked up in Paris by the receiving station on the Eiffel Tower. It was one of a series sent every midnight since the first transatlantic "hello" registered in Paris and Honolulu at the same instant more than a week ago.

With Mr. Espenschied at the time were Rear Admiral Boush and Lieutenants Lando, Zeno and Green, U. S. N. Each one, the company reports, heard the message distinctly.

Official confirmation of the success of the experiments with Paris was received last night from Lieutenant Colonel Ferris, of the French army, technical director of military radio telegraph. Translated by Lieutenant Commander Sayles, United States naval attaché at Paris, it reads, in part: "The first series of experiments in June gave no results, probably because of electrical perturbations, naturally very intense at that season. The second series, in October, has achieved greater success. It has been possible to hear and understand very distinctly and repeatedly such words as one, two, three, goodbye, etc. The results, although imperfect, are extremely interesting, and there is every reason to believe that they will be improved upon."

Acknowledging his recent talk from San Francisco to West Orange, N. J., Thomas A. Edison sent this telegram to the company yesterday:

"Accept my hearty congratulations on your wonderful success in connecting New York and San Francisco by telephone, and my thanks for the privilege of talking across the continent. I heard both the voice and the music perfectly."

## M'KAY SILENT, AIDS HAYES

Refuses to Affirm or Deny That Waldo Gave Disputed Order.

Douglas L. McKay, former Deputy Police Commissioner, yesterday, at the rehearing into the charges on which ex-inspector "Con" Hayes was dismissed from the department, refused to affirm or deny that in his presence ex-commissioner Waldo had instructed Hayes to force a citizen to take the initiative in closing a disorderly house, after Hayes had refused to do so. McKay had refused to do so because of Waldo's orders to raid the house when ordered by McKay.

Deputy Commissioner Godley then announced the conclusion of the rehearing and granted a motion of Hayes's counsel to file briefs.

## SINGER FAINTS ON PIER

Daughter Brings News of Father's Death in Belgian Army.

Learning that her husband had been killed while serving in the Belgian army three months ago, Mme. Elsie Kutschera, for many years a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company, collapsed on the French liner pier yesterday soon after the arrival of La Touraine. Her daughter, Mile. Brunhilda Kutschera, who has been studying music in Paris, brought the tragic news.

When the landing passengers saw the singing slip from her daughter's embrace and fall unconscious there was considerable excitement. Mme. Kutschera was revived and left, with her daughter, in a taxicab.

La Touraine was delayed in crossing because she left Bordeaux with only 100 stokers, instead of the usual 225. The company could not obtain more because of heavy enlistments for the war.

Among the 161 passengers was Edward Salisbury, of Chicago, recently decorated by France for valiant service with the ambulance corps at Pont au Mousson. He expects to return to the front soon.

Four Red Cross nurses who took care of the first wounded brought in after the bombardment of Dunkirk, also were passengers. They were Miss Eva Johnson, of New Haven, and the Misses Helen Barclay, Lillian Wilsey and Margaret Haggerty, of Philadelphia.

## SLAIN MAN FEARED DEATH

Had Photo Pinned on Shirt, Anticipating Trouble.

Felix A. Patrizi was killed in a restaurant at 123 West Third Street yesterday as a result of what the District Attorney's office believes is an Italian feud. Inspector Faurot detailed a squad of detectives to look for two men believed to have done the killing.

# GIMBELS—"5th Birthday Sales" Crowning Achievements! Welcoming the Final Week of the Month With Very Exceptional Offerings

**Women's Suits**  
**At \$37.50**

Which the copy and which the original?

VERY perplexing, as our copy is a perfect "wonder" as compared with the very costly original that is of

**Lustrous Broadcloth**  
**Lavishly Trimmed**  
**With Hudson Seal**

Even we had to look at the price to determine the difference—the price difference was astonishing! Come take advantage of it and at the same time select one of the smartest suits of the season, as shown in the sketch.

**Over 1000 Women's Suits**  
**At \$25 and \$29.50**

**At \$25**  
Broadcloths, Poplins, Gabardines, Velveteens and Velour de Laines; medium length coats that are fur or brand trimmed. A great diversity of styles from which to select, and in every wanted color.

**\$25 and \$29.50 Suits Are a GIMBEL Specialty!**  
Third Floor

**Upholsteries and Drapery**  
**Fabrics at Reduced Prices**

MANY thousands of yards of the most wanted materials, expressly gathered for our "Fifth-Birthday Sales." All much below regular prices, although wholesale prices are rising rapidly.

**\$4.75 and \$1 Tapestries, now \$3.75 and 85c**  
**\$3 Double-Face Velour reduced to \$2.65**  
**\$3.75 Imported Striped Velour, now \$3.25**  
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**\$1.50 to \$8 Damasks, now 95c to \$4**  
**\$1.50 and \$2 Reversible Armures, 95c and \$1.35**  
**85c to \$1.85 Craftsman Canvas, 50c to \$1.25**

Plain Color Silk Velours at, yard, \$3.  
Figured Silk Velours at, yard, \$5.75.  
Figured Ramie 50-Inch Velour, at \$3.75.  
Mercerized Cotton Velour, at \$1.25 and \$2.  
Georgian Figured Velvet at, yard, \$2.  
New Striped Velvets, new colorings, \$2.50.  
Fifty-Inch Mohair Velours at, yard, \$2.95.  
Sixth Floor

**54-inch Black Broadcloth, at \$1.55 yard**

A BRIGHT, lustrous fabric, thoroughly sponged and shrunk. The correct weight for tailored suits.

**\$1.50 All-Wool Diagonals \$2 All-Wool Cheviot Suits**  
at, Yard, \$1.10. Width 54 inches. In brown, woven fabric in green, brown, green, garnet, Belgian blue, taupe, taupe, plum, navy blue and black. light and dark navy blue.  
Second floor

**Monday---The Famous Annual GIMBEL**  
**"BON MARCHE" GLOVE SALE**

More Than 50,000 Pairs of Fashionable Gloves for Women, Men and Children  
at PRICES THAT ARE POSITIVE REVELATIONS

Increased Selling Space—Entire Main Aisle in addition to Specials Displays in the Regular Glove Sections—110 Salespeople—Mail, Telegraph and Telephone Orders Filled.

VARIOUS conditions abroad and in this country (some exceedingly difficult to surmount) have combined to make this the most important "Bon Marche" Glove Sale that GIMBEL BROTHERS have ever announced.

Through the far-sighted, aggressive work of our Paris Bureau, and our home buyers, working in co-operation with leading importers in this country, we have been able to gather the finest, and in every way positively the most extraordinary collection of Gloves that have ever been offered to the New York public.

The quantity is large, comprising slightly more than 50,000 pairs, and demand will be correspondingly so. Therefore we urge promptest selection. The Gloves are superb specimens of fine French handwork, and are in the prevailing shades. At their special GIMBEL prices they represent the rarest values imaginable. Many customers will purchase a dozen pairs or more, either for personal use or else for gift giving, particularly at Christmas time.

**Women's \$1.50 French Kidskin Gloves, 95c**  
Just arrived from France. If purchased to-day from New York importers their retail price would be \$1.50—or more. Black, white and tan shades. 2 clasp. Black with heavy white embroidery, or white with heavy black embroidery.

**Women's \$2 Finest French Kidskin Gloves \$1.45**  
One of the aristocrats of glove-making. One pearl clasp. Pique sew; self and contrasting backs and 1/2-inch contrasting hem. Black, white and pastel shades.

**Women's \$2.50—16-Button White Lamb-skin Gloves; 3 clasps and buttons; selected skins; plenty of arm room and length; wearing and cleansing qualities the best. \$1.45**

**Women's 20-Button White Kid Gloves, \$2.35**  
made in France, from very fine selected skins. Splendid value at this special price.

**Women's \$1 12-Button "Duplex" Wash Fabric Gloves; white, gray, pongee; fine for shopping; a little soap and water and you have a new pair of Gloves every day. 50c**

**Men's Gray and Suede Gloves, tan cape and Gray Suede Gloves; all sizes; excellent values. 85c**

**Men's Gray Mocha and Tan Outseam Cape; Mocha Gloves, at this price are a rarity; made with the same exacting care as though they were to sell at twice the price. The factory calls them "seconds"—surface marks here and there. 95c**

**Children's Tan Washable Cape Gloves; soft, pliable skins; all sizes; strong and durable. 85c**  
Main Floor

**Women's \$1 Glace Overseam Gloves, 78c**  
Fresh from the steamer. One of the most amazing values ever offered in a big sale. Fast becoming one of the rarest and hardest line of gloves obtainable. Black, white and tan shades.

**Women's \$2 Sport Gauntlets \$1.45**  
Strap wrist; white, tan, gray and pongee shades. Self and contrasting backs. Some sizes would place the value of these gloves at \$2.25.

**John Daniel**  
**Sons & Sons**  
**High Class**  
**Dependable Furs**

Newest Models, Finest Qualities, Lowest Prices.

Glossy Rich Black Fox Muffs from 14.50 to 45.00  
Scarfs from 19.75 to 65.00  
Genuine Skunk Muffs from 23.50 to 45.00  
Scarfs from 9.50 to 50.00  
Natural Raccoon Muffs from 14.50 to 22.50  
Scarfs from 9.50 to 32.50  
Red Fox Sets from 19.50 to 45.00  
Fur Trimmings from 1/2 inch to 4 inches wide in all the desirable Furs.

**Gloves**  
New Shipment Just Opened Up.

Women's 1-Clasp Washable Capeskin Gloves, in Tan or Ivory, with Black Embroidery; splendid value at 1.50  
Women's Washable Leatherette Gloves, Gauntlet style, with wrist strap, in White, Gray, Biscuit and Sand, at 1.00

**Special Offering of**  
**Women's & Misses' Suits**  
For Monday and Tuesday  
**At \$18.00, Values to \$27.75**

These wonderfully attractive suits are made of fine poplins, serges, gabardine and broadcloths. A most attractive assortment, richly trimmed with fur and braid. Colorings are brown, green, navy, gray and black.

**Chiffon Velvet "Special"**  
About 250 yards Fine Imported Chiffon Velvet, 40 inches wide, in rich, dark, two-toned colorings. A choice and desirable lot. Formerly \$5.50 yard. Will sell this lot, Monday, at 2.35  
**\$8.00 Blankets for \$5.00**  
FOR MONDAY ONLY

485 Pairs of Fine California Blankets, 3/4 and full sizes, which regularly range in price from \$6.75 to \$8.00 per pair, Pink, Blue and Yellow Borders, also Plaids in Pink, Blue, Gray, Tan and Red, an opportunity seldom presented.  
Limit 3 Pairs to a Customer.

**Autumn Underwear**  
Women's Silk and Wool Combination Suits, usually \$2.25 & \$2.50, marked to 1.85 & 2.25  
Women's Cotton Combination Suits, excellent Value at 75c, specially priced, .50 and .55  
Children's Combination Suits, from .50 to 1.25

**Broadway, 8th and 9th Sts.**

Eight Special Sales Tables Across the Rear Aisle Will Be Ready Tomorrow Morning for This More Than Wonderful

**LEATHER GOODS Sale**

The Sample Lines and Small Lots from Several of the Highest Class Manufacturers in America at 1-3 to 1-2 Less Than Usual Prices

SUCH beautiful leather goods can come only from the very cleverest designers and workmen, using the finest materials. And such a great assortment—and such astonishing values—are possible only through the purchasing resources of the three great GIMBEL stores. Briefly, this sale includes every desirable article made of leather, from a neat little 50c wallet at 35c up to a handsome \$100 fitted suit case at \$50.

**Silk and Leather Hand Bags**  
Regular value \$1.50 to \$1.95. \$1.50 to \$1.95 Hand Bags, \$1.65  
\$2 to \$2.95 Hand Bags, \$1.95  
\$3 to \$3.95 Hand Bags, \$1.95  
Morocco seal, vashette and goat-skin, in black and wanted colors; styles for dress and service; also dainty silk bags; all brand new.

**Greatest Values in Hand Baggage**  
Regularly \$3.75 to \$50. From the luxurious \$100 completely fitted travelling bag of heavy walrus, now marked \$50, to a smart sole leather bag at \$3.75, and a great variety of intermediate prices, most of them half regular.

One entire table of Hand Bags at \$1.00.  
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One table of Novelties and Samples at 35c to \$2.50.  
One table of Hand Bags at 65c and \$1.  
One table of Bags and Suit Cases at \$3.75 to \$10.  
One table of Bags and Suit Cases at \$5 to \$50.  
One table of Silk and Velvet Hand Bags, \$1 to \$2.95.

**Hundreds of Smart Leather Novelties**  
Regularly \$1.50 to \$2.00, at \$1.50 to \$2.00.  
Brush Sets in leather cases, leather stickpin cases, sewing bags, coat hanger cases, brush and hanger sets in cases, leather photo frames, leather trays with glass insets, and hundreds of other articles.

**Sample Lots of Leather Goods**  
Regularly 50c to \$5. 35c to \$2.50.  
Flasks, card cases, wallets, purses, medicine cases, brush sets, sewing sets, bottle sets, card sets, etc., etc.

Main Floor, Rear Aisle

**For Absolute Smartness Wear**  
**GIMBEL "Touraine" Pumps at \$7 Pair**

WORN with or without spats, they are the prettiest and smartest shoes of the day.

As trim and snug as pretty footwear can be, "Touraine" Pumps cling firmly to the heel, fit beautifully and yet accord perfect comfort. Imported black patent leather and black Russia calf, also black patent with white piping. \* Slender, tapering toe, hand-turned soles, Louis XVI. heels. Excellent value at \$7.

**New "Cravenette" Spats at \$1**  
Perfect fitting, smart-looking, rainproof and serviceable. Fawn, gray, brown and black.

Second Floor

**Royal Kirmanshah Rugs and Carpets, Reduced 1/4**

WITH the Dardanelles closed, and but few choice Rugs arriving in this country during the past year, this Sale is of extraordinary importance—especially as our PRESENT prices (without the 1/4 reduction) are as low as or lower than can be found elsewhere for Rugs of equally fine quality.

**Prices in this sale will start at \$22.50 and range up to \$656.25 for a magnificent carpet**

A magnificent display of these Rugs has been staged on the Sixth Floor, where their rich, barbaric colorings, exquisitely blended by the skill of the Eastern weaver, can be fully appreciated.

**Also—in the Domestic Rug Section—**  
**Room Size 9x12 ft. Axminsters, Body Brussels and Royal Wiltons at \$20**  
Every one regularly sells at \$30 to \$41.50

The order has gone forth to "clear the decks" of all Rugs that we do not expect to duplicate. Wool is scarce, dyestuffs are going up, and the sources of supply of other materials have been cut. All of which means that YOU will have to pay more for your Rugs in the near future—a fact which lends very special importance to this Sale.

Sixth Floor

**Broadway and Thirty-third Street**